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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FORMIN: AIRCRAFT

REF: KINSHASA 4064, 4108 (NOTAL)

1. RATHER UNHAPPY ASPECT OF CONVERSATION WITH FORMIN BULA
EARLY JUNE 1 RE KIDNAPPING WAS THAT MY MENTION POSSIBLE
DAO USE OF AIRCRAFT TRIGGERED BULA TO RETURN TO SUBJECT OF
MAC FLIGHTS. HE SAID CHARGE NEWLIN HAD ASSURED HIM LARGE
BOXES CONTAINED MAIL. HE DIDN'T BELIEVE IT. I SAID IT WAS
TRUE. HE REPEATED, "JE NE LE CROIS PAS."

2. HE SAID NEWLIN HAD TOLD HIM FLIGHT CAME FROM NEW YORK
BUT IN FACT IT CAME FROM JOHANNESBURG. I SAID THERE
WAS MISUNDERSTANDING HERE SINCE FLIGHT ORIGINATED IN
NORTH CAROLINA. FLIGHT IN FACT HAD COME FROM STATES BUT
IT WAS ALSO TRUE IT CONTINUED TO JOHANNESBURG AND
RETURNED. HE SAID NEWLIN HAD TOLD HIM US-GOZ
AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR SUCH FLIGHTS AND HAD FURNISHED COPY
OF AGREEMENT. HE HAD NOW READ AGREEMENT AND IT DID NOT
SAY ANYTHING ABOUT MAC FLIGHTS. IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT
SUCH QUESTIONS BE HANDLED CORRECTLY." GOZ HAD TO
CONTROL SUCH MATTERS AND CLEARANCES HAD TO BE OBTAINED.
COL. KIKUNDA, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE, HAD TOLD
HIM THAT WHEN C-130 HAD GONE TO STATES, IT HAD BEEN SEARCHED
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FROM ONE END TO OTHER, EVEN TO POINT THAT SAND IN AIRPLANE

HAD BEEN ANALYZED.

3. I SAID I AGREED ENTIRELY THAT GOZ WAS ENTITLED TO CLEARANCE AND TO CUSTOMS CONTROL OF MATERIALS ENTERING ZAIE AND THAT COOPERATION WOULD BE SCRUPULOUS IN FUTURE AS FAR AS WE WERE CONCERNED. HE SEEMED TO CALM DOWN AND THAN ASKED ME TO DISCUSS EXACT USE TO BE MADE OF DAO PLANE IN CONNECTION WITH KIDNAPPING. I SAID WE HAD SUBMITTED REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE FOR GENERAL CLEARANCE. IMMEDIATE AND THAT BEST POSSIBLE NEED WAS TO GET EXTRA COMMUNICATOR QUICKLY TO BUJUMBURA. THIS HAD LEAD ME TO ASK EXPEDITIOUS AUTHORIZATION FOR PLANE'S USE, TO CARRY "L'HOMME." HE SAID "ARMS." I SAID, "CHRIST, NO, A MAN.""OH," HE SAID. BUT THE INCIDENT IS FURTHER PROOF, IF ANY IS NEEDED, OF HIS SENSITIVITIES. WHILE I NOW REGRET HAVING GOTTEN INTO DAO PLANE SUBJECT, SEPTTEL (NOTAL) ON DEVLIN COVERSAATION WITH PRESIDENT EXPLAINS BACKGROUND. IT WAS, HOWEVER, TACTICAL MISTAKE WHICH I REGRET.
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